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ANNOUNCER:

THE WORLD POPULATION IS EXPECTED TO REACH SEVEN-BILLION IN 2012, ACCORDING TO NEWLY RELEASED PROJECTIONS FROM THE U-S CENSUS BUREAU. THESE PROJECTIONS SHOW WORLD POPULATION GROWTH CONTINUING INTO THE FIRST HALF OF THE 21ST CENTURY BUT AT A SLOWER PACE THAN DURING THE 20TH CENTURY. THE WORLD POPULATION DOUBLED FROM THREE-BILLION IN 1959 TO SIX-BILLION IN 1999. IT'S PROJECTED TO INCREASE BY ONLY 50 PERCENT BETWEEN 1999 AND 2040. THE CENSUS BUREAU PROVIDES DATA ON POPULATION SIZE AND GROWTH, FERTILITY, MORTALITY, MIGRATION, AND AGE AND SEX DISTRIBUTION FOR 226 COUNTRIES AND AREAS. FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE GLOBAL POPULATION, VISIT W-W-W-DOT-CENSUS-DOT-GOV AND SEARCH FOR INTERNATIONAL DATA BASE TABLES.

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